

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a peptide of the formula:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are the same or different and each represents SO<sub>3</sub>H or H; X represents an  $\alpha$ -amino acid or a single bond; Z<sup>1</sup> and Z<sup>2</sup> are the same or different and each represents an  $\alpha$ -amino acid; and Y represents OH or NH<sub>2</sub>. This peptide has plant growth factor properties.